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## APPEAL

TO THE

### WEST PARISH.

IT hath pleased "the Father of lights," "the God of all grace," to bestow upon us the inestimable blessing of Christianity. It is our duty to impart to others, as we have opportunity, a portion of the benefits with which we are favoured. Having "freely received," we should "freely give." Much is now doing for the diffusion of christian light and knowledge. It is my wish that the people of my charge should co-operate in this interesting and important work. I wish it on account of the aid they may thus afford in promoting the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and of course, the best good of their fellowmen. I wish it, also, on account of the benefit that may result from it to themselves. It may lead them to contrast their own situation with the miserable condition of those to whom they are extending relief; to realize more fully their obligations to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift," and

mote a christian temper and a christian life. It has also a standing committee for foreign missions, and though it believes that our first exertions should be made at home, yet it will receive and faithfully appropriate any monies that may be entrusted to it, for the support of foreign missionaries, or translating the scriptures into foreign languages.

The religious instructors now employed by this society, have been the instruments of much good. They have taught schools, and have trained up teachers of both sexes, who have gone out into other places, and have diffused abroad the knowledge they had themselves received. Thus, the seed that was sown, is already a plant, and has put forth its shoots, and if watered and cherished, will become, like the "grain of mustard seed," "a great tree," and spread out its branches far and wide.

I propose that a sum be annually raised in the West Parish in aid of the objects of this society, and that the contribution may be extensive, I propose that the subscription to any one of the objects be raised from twenty five cents or under, to *one dollar*. Donations may be received

from those who are able and disposed to make them, but they must not be requested, nor should the withholding them be considered as a proof of indifference to this noble cause.

I am aware that many already contribute to objects of a religious nature, but I am also convinced that they frequently contribute to objects of this kind, with the management and tendency of which they are not acquainted. To give what, in my opinion, is a proper direction to this charity, is one reason for this appeal. It will be seen that the Evangelical Missionary Society unites three objects, and a contribution to either of these, will supersede the necessity of contributing to any other of a similar nature.

I shall make no address to the feelings of my people. I wish them to be directed by reason. If they approve of this object, and are able to aid it, they will not "withhold their hand," but will cheerfully respond to the voice which is addressing them from their brethren, as in the language of the Macedonian to Paul, "Come over and help us"

I will only add, that "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God, over one sin-

“ner that repenteth,” and that “he who con-  
 “verteth a sinner from the error of his way,  
 “shall save a soul from death, and hide a  
 “multitude of sins.”

*Note* — In the above communication, I have confined  
 the attention of my parishioners to one Society, for this  
 reason, among others, that I thought the claims of that  
 Society more immediately pressing. I cannot refrain,  
 however, from expressing my earnest wish, that they  
 would aid, as they have opportunity, among others, the  
*Bible Society*, the “*Society for the promotion of theo-  
 logical education in Harvard University*,” and the  
 “*Society for promoting Christian knowledge, piety,  
 and charity*.”





















